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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1898.

WILL MCKINLEY INTERFERE?

The report sent out from Washington yesterday to the effect that President McKinley had decided to interfere in behalf of the Cubans is very important in time. The report, however, has been preceded by so many of the same nature that it will be well to regard it with suspicion until the President makes some practical move to show that he is in earnest. There are at present several reasons that give color to the rumor, which it may be interesting to view. The President, under the magnetic personality of Senator Duffey de Lome had been led to believe that each and every Spaniard was a valiant knight, in whom honor and devotion to native land were the controlling characteristics. The De Lome letter has shattered this ideal and cut the President's pride to the quick.

The same letter also proved to him beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Spaniards were playing a game on him so far as autonomy and the commercial treaty were concerned. Evidently Mr. McKinley has been greatly disappointed in his whimsical "true and admiring friends" and since Presidents are human and are influenced by the same motives that rule the lives of others, it is barely possible that chagrin at being imposed upon and being made the victim of flagrant hypocrisy has at last aroused the chief executive to a sense of his position, and may force him to do what justice and humanity demanded two years ago.

Whether the report be true or not, it is becoming manifest that the present tension upon the relations of the two countries cannot last much longer without a crisis. Unless the Cuban question is settled quickly there is a strong probability of war between Uncle Sam and Spain.

Some highly excitable Spaniard got out a hand bill in Havana which referred to the great and lovable qualities of the brave and generous Weyler. We would like to see a pen picture of the man whom the Havana Spaniard would consider a villain.

With only two docks in the United States capable of receiving the battleships, and neither of them prepared to receive them now, Uncle Sam should be certain that he has provocation enough before knocking the chip off of Spain's shoulder.

It is understood that Hon. Billy Mason will not send "marked copies" of the Congressional Record to his friends in the navy.

The events of the past few days show plainly that the average American is not averse to "giving his views."

Alphonso XIII, of Spain, now looms up as the esteemed contemporary of Hon. John Sherman.

A CASCADE OF CATTLE

MEMORABLE STAMPEDE IN A HERD OF MANY THOUSANDS.

The Wild Tendency of Sixteen Thousand Texas Steers, of Which One-fifth Plunged to Their Death in a Hidden Ravine—An Exciting Night on the Prairie.

One of the most desperate stampedes of cattle ever witnessed by a Texas cowboy, says Rev. J. B. Crawford of Waco, Texas, occurred in 1876 on the prairie in the center of which now stands the town of McGregor. Fifteen thousand cattle and twenty-five cowboys participated in the exciting event.

Late in the afternoon of July 4 there had been a lively thunder storm, that made the cattle nervous. At 10 o'clock at night, however, they seemed to be sleeping profoundly. Then the narrative proceeds as follows:

"The stars were all shining, and there was no moon at all for the arousing of the herd. They appeared to get up all at once, with a single purpose, and the roar that was heard seemed to come from a single throat. The Wilson brothers and their cowboys, who were sleeping in their camp, roused to their ponies, who were grazing with the saddles and bridles on, and, as fast as the bits could be replaced in their mouths, they mounted and galloped to the flanks of the now disappearing mass, headed in the direction of the Brazos river."

"Some cattle can outrun others, and in this case there was a bunch of about fifty fully twenty yards in advance, and toward this leading group the two remainer rode. Of the leading group, also, some were faster than others, and this group ran in a diamond shape, with two immense steers leading all. When Mr. Wilson and his companion reached the two leading steers they began shooting their revolvers close to them, and in that way the bunch was made to oblique, and as the leading bunch of cattle obliques the main stampede obliques, and the first step in 'milking' had been taken. By this time the cattle were getting tired. Nearly five miles had been covered, and the breath of the leaders was coming short and painfully, but they were rushing on because the front cattle at this time knew as a matter of fact their only safety was in keeping on the run. Those behind were coming, and they were in the majority, and the leaders were compelled to run. There was real danger for the forward members of the stampede.

"In the invoice of articles contained in the regulation 'stampede' there is always some kind of stimulants, and but for the stimulants contained in Mr. Wilson's outfit, it is possible that the stampede would have been halted without disaster. He had a Mexican along, one of the best cowboys in the southwest. This Mexican and his horse always reminded those who saw him of the fabled Centaur. He rode far forward and bent over, so that he and his horse appeared to be one animal. No horse, however rugged, 'wild and woolly,' had ever been able to unseat him. This Aztec had been to the little brandy rivulet too often, and had filled and emptied his tin cup with surreptitious intoxicants, so that his usual excellent judgment went awry. When he succeeded in getting mounted, after having tumbled with his horse a good deal, he was far in the rear, and the stampede had gone past him, so that when he overtook the rear end he passed to the front on the other side and rode on the wrong flank. When he reached the head of the herd he was just in time to defeat the maneuver then under execution of leading the moving mass from a straight line to a semi-circle. Revolver in hand, disregarding the other men, he began shooting in the faces of the wild steers, and the effect of this was to straighten the run and bring the advance straight toward a precipice. This precipice was a wash in the prairie, forming a deep ravine fully thirty yards wide, and in a shorter time than it takes to tell of this stampede, the head of the column was pouring over, a horrible cascade of beef, plunging madly into destruction, while fleeing from an imaginary danger.

"When Mr. Wilson and his lieutenants saw that it was impossible to save their cattle they saved themselves by extricating themselves by right angles at full speed and riding out of the way. They next returned to the flank and held a council of war. A few seconds decided them, and all hands commenced shooting into the herd, the object now being to build a breastwork of carcasses and save the rear end from the destruction that had overtaken the front. The gully was nearly full of cattle by this time. They were snorting and bellowing, crashing and tearing, and still heaping up, and when the firing began the wounded ones tumbled over on the others, and in a short time the gully, like the sunken road at Waterloo, was bridged by carcasses. The herd surged up in billows, like an ocean, and bent now, because it could not do otherwise. The semi-circle was formed, and Wilson and his men crossed the gully below and rode around the opposite side and recrossed, and in a short time they had the cattle halted, forming an incomplete letter O, and there they stood, blowing, bellowing, snorting. All hands remained on watch all night, and in the morning, when a count was made, it was ascertained that 2,700 head were missing. There were afterward 2,700 pairs of horns taken from that gully. It was called Stampede Gulley for many years afterward, and perhaps will be, with some people, be remembered by that name."

Get double the fun out of your 'kanga-roo' or dogskin leather boots for street use. This quality will save you from many an "unaccountable" cold which is caught from walking upon damp pavements and street crossings, and from sitting out, otherwise well wrapped up, to watch a ball game after a rain.

Paper Watch.  
A paper watch has been exhibited by a Dresden watchmaker. The paper is prepared in such a manner that the watch is said to be as serviceable as those in ordinary use.

THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI.

There is Nothing in the World That Approaches It in Grandeur.

How many Americans appreciate the grandeur of their country's geography?

How many know that there is no river system on earth which even distantly compares with that of the Mississippi and its tributaries?

The census tells us that these rivers, all flowing through one channel into the Gulf of Mexico, aggregate more than 100,000 miles in length. The Amazon, the Nile, the Ganges and all the rest of the great river systems on earth put together scarcely approach this magnificent showing.

Think of it! A steamboat leaving Pittsburgh can visit twenty-three States without passing through any artificial channel. She can go up the Allegheny and Monongahela, the Big Sandy, the Kentucky, the Wabash, the Tennessee and the Cumberland—clear into Alabama—before reaching the mouth of the Ohio.

Below Cairo she can traverse not only the Mississippi but the St. Francis, the Arkansas, the White, the Red, the Yazoo, the Tallahatchee, the Yalobusha, the Ouachita, the great bayou and all the tributaries of these streams.

Above Cairo lie the Upper Mississippi, the Illinois, the Missouri, the Yellowstone, the Platte, the Big Horn and a score of tributaries to all these. The supposititious steamboat can land at 1,650 towns and cities on her way.

These rivers drain an area of 1,683,303 square miles, occupied by a population of 24,298,332 in 1890.

The commerce of this great river system was carried on in 1889 by 7,453 vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 3,393,375 and a value of \$15,535,005.

And so rich is that commerce that its annual gross earnings exceed the total value of the craft engaged in it by nearly a million dollars. It carries nearly eleven million passengers and nearly thirty-three million tons of freight per year.

And this is only one of the great river systems of our country—one of many that include such mighty systems as that of the Yukon, that of the Columbia, that of the Colorado and that of the Alabama at Tombigbee.

And from one end to the other of all these rivers there is no custom-house to stop traffic or to levy one cent of tribute upon it.

It is worth every American's while to reflect upon the greatness of our land and to rejoice in it. It is worth while to remember also that the resources of this marvellous country are far less than half developed.—George Cary Eggleston.

Compulsory Shooting.  
In the French Chamber M. Coche, Deputy from la Somme, has introduced a bill making rifle shooting compulsory upon all the male inhabitants of the republic from the age of 10 to 40 years. In a word, the object of the bill is to make France a nation of sharpshooters. It proposes to make the study and practice of shooting obligatory in all the schools for boys, each scholar to be compelled to present his certificate of marksmanship, such as it may be, at least once a year. Parents and guardians will be liable to a fine if their boys do not burn at the stands a specified number of cartridges. Adults will be compelled to continue the exercise until they are called under the colors.

In the reserve, the active and territorial armies the men who distinguish themselves as good shots will be rewarded by reductions in their periods of service. In the opinion of high military authorities the chances of victory in future wars will depend largely upon the accuracy of the soldiers' aim.

The French newspapers are enthusiastically in favor of the passage of the bill, but it is very likely that it will undergo considerable military tinkering before it can get through the Chamber. It indeed it ever does go through.

A Real Yankee Romance.

Years ago a summer boarder at a cottage on a point of land which formed the protecting arm of the harbor of a fishing town in Massachusetts was shown a girl baby only a few months old. He looked at the babe and admired, then said to the mother: "Will you give me that babe for my wife?"

The mother had known the young man for several summers. She liked him, and therefore, answered promptly: "Yes."

"Will you promise never to tell her that you have selected me as her husband?"

"Yes."

The conditions of the singular betrothal were observed. The girl baby grew up, and summer after summer the young man courted her. When she was 18 he married her, and not till then did she know that she had been betrothed to her husband while in her cradle. Can old romance be more romantic than this story of a New England fishing town?

Double Sole.  
Leather coats are made of sheepskin, of horsehide, and of dogskin. They are lined with corduroy, with flannel, and with sheep's wool. The corduroy-lined coats are made reversible, so that they may be worn either side out. The coats of sheepskin are usually finished black, the horsehide and dogskin coats russet-colored. A leather coat of sheepskin, corduroy-lined, costs about \$5; horsehide coats sell for \$12 to \$15, and dogskin coats for \$18.

Helen Gould's Hobby.  
Miss Helen Gould is a collector of curios. Her hobby is to secure possession of any article which was used by her father in his youth. Whether she has one of his mousetraps, which were the humble beginning of the great Gould fortune, I have not heard; but at any rate she has recently become the owner of an old wheelbarrow which was used by Jay Gould nearly half a century ago, when he was making road measurements through the state, in order to draw maps therefrom. It isn't every millionaire, with a Countess for a sister, who would care to remember the poverty and humble industry of her immediate progenitor.

A Dumb Problem in Law.  
A dumb prisoner who can't read or write is providing a delicate problem in law for one of the London courts. He can plead neither guilty nor not guilty, and is unable to communicate with his solicitor, which is one of his privileges. So the question is raised whether a special act of Parliament will be required.

No Sunday Labor in Russia.  
Under a new imperial ukase in Russia labor upon Sundays or on the fourteenth great feast days of the Greek calendar is to be severely punished. Hours of labor are restricted to eight for children and eleven for adults, and to ten hours on Saturday.

If onions are put in cold water for an hour before using and parsley is used with them they do not leave a trace in the breath of the purchaser.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—The party who took through mistake a twisted handle steel umbrella from the Citizens and Bank Saturday to leave same at the bank. Feb 20-21.

WANTED—Two or three experienced salesmen for dry goods. Apply at once to ROBERT MARCUS, Hampton, Va. Feb 19-21.

WANTED—Fifteen sewing machine operators on Box Kites, Address Southern Novelty Co., this office. Feb 19-21.

WANTED—Twenty boys between the ages of 17 and 21 to make Box Kites. Address Southern Novelty Co., this office. Feb 19-21.

WANTED—Stenographer and book-keeper. Must furnish bond. Address R. K., this office. Feb 19-21.

WANTED—Table boards and bedsteads, with bath. 214 Twenty-sixth street. Feb 18-19.

PLEASANT ROOMS for boarders; no table, no card table, MRS. FREDERICK JONES, 125 Twenty-sixth street. Feb 18-19.

Notice  
I will not be responsible for any debt contracted by any member of my row, H. OLSSON, Master, Swedish Bark Mauden. Feb 18-19.

First class table board  
And Rooms at  
Mrs. M. E. D. Swells,  
105 Twenty-seventh St. Hot and cold bath. Dinner sent if desired. Popular prices.

BE SURE TO GET  
The Apollo Gas Burner  
For a perfect light at the most moderate cost. Acknowledged by dealers to be equal to any on the market. GIVE US YOUR ORDER. A trial will convince you.

Henry & Hardy,  
Sole Agents.  
Feb 20 St.

SEALED PROPOSALS.  
\$140,000 Sewer, School and Jail Bonds.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Common Council of Newport News, Va., until 12 noon, March 8, for the purchase of \$140,000, 4 1/2 per cent, Sewer, School and Jail Bonds. Interest payable semi-annually at the rate of 5 per cent on the principal of the bonds of New York City, N. Y., New York City. Principal payable in thirty years, optional after twenty years. Denomination, \$500. Dated April 1, 1898. Address all bids to City Clerk, marked bids for City Bonds. Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Feb 20 St. J. A. MASSIE, City Clerk.

Madam Ladell, Clairvoyant,  
Formerly of West Virginia, is now located at 221 Twenty-sixth street, Newport News, where she will be pleased to tell your past, present and future. Sittings every day except Sunday. Feb 1-19

OPERA HOUSE,  
WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY,  
Tuesday, February 22  
AUGUSTIN DALY'S COMEDY,  
"A Night Off,"

PRODUCED AT DALY'S THEATRE, NEW YORK.  
OVER 100 NIGHTS.  
ROARS OF LAUGHTER.

Seals on sale at Kier's Drug Store. Prices—25, 35, 50 and 75 cents each. Feb 18-21

Trustee's Sale.  
By virtue of a certain deed of trust executed to me on the 15th day of May, 1893, by J. W. Denton and Maggie J. Denton and duly recorded in the clerk's office of the County Court of the county of Warwick, I shall on the 30th day of MARCH, 1898, at 12 M., at the front door of the courthouse in the city of Newport News, Va., proceed to sell all that certain lot, piece or parcel of ground situated in the city of Newport News, Va., known and designated on a certain map entitled "map of part of the city of Newport News, Va." made by E. E. McLean, civil engineer, a copy of which was filed in the clerk's office of the county of Warwick on the 29th day of September, 1894, by the Lot No. 43 in Block No. 29.

TERMS—Cash as to the sum of \$1,000 with interest thereon from May 15th, 1893, and terms as to residue of the purchase price made known on the day of sale.

A. C. GARRETT, Trustee.  
Feb 20-21.



It Will Float You.

Many people plunged into the ocean of misfortune, would sink if they hadn't some real estate to float them. Every right man has a hankering after real estate—it is an instinct that goes with man, and it is something that is within the reach of all. Confound small payments with a large amount—and the small payments won't amount to any more than you pay for foolishness. Think it over.

WHY?

Do you let your money lay in Banks, Stocks and Bonds at 3 and 4 per cent. interest when you can get a solid real estate investment in Newport News, paying 15 to 25 per cent. LOOK!

\$9000.00.

Will buy a three-story brick building (2500 feet) with store (dry goods) below and this above all modern conveniences, gas, electricity, bath, hot and cold water, sewerage, (including newly built, situated on Washington avenue, right in the business center, rents for (lowest) (lowest) tenants) \$1400 a year, over 15 per cent on investment.

\$1400.00.

Buy a two-story frame, main part, store and dwelling (6 rooms above), situated on Twenty-eighth street (near line, not far from Warwick avenue. Twenty-eighth street is the most promising business street in the city. Rents for \$2000 a year, 25 per cent on investment.

\$1600.00.

Buy a dwelling house, on Forty-fifth street, near Lafayette avenue, one square from dry dock, one block from 7th and 8th, with city water. Terms accommodating. Rents for \$200 a year, 15 per cent on investment.

\$1650.00.

Will buy a good frame business store, with bath above of 6 rooms, now in course of construction, situated on Twenty-eighth street, between Warwick and Jefferson avenues. This property is leased for two years at a yearly rental of \$800, over 20 per cent on investment.

\$825.00.

Will buy one of the most desirable residences in the city, situated on Twenty-third street, near Washington avenue.

MULFORD & EDMUNDS  
General Real Estate,  
No. 135 Twenty-fifth street.  
PHONE NO. 2594.

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Our New Spring  
HATS.

The advance styles  
are  
NEW  
NEAT  
NOBBY

Stiff in tans and black.  
Soft in pearl and black.

All are up to the minute. Prices range from 98 cents to \$4. Your size and style are here.

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WEEKLY SALE

300 pairs patent leather, tan and black calf shoes that are being sold at a great sacrifice. See them in our north window.

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These are the Rules of the Cafe and Selection INSIDE:

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75 and 80c shirts for 50c.  
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Wonderful display of neckwear. Mostly puffs, Ascots and Imperials, at 25c and 50c.

GLOVES.  
Our Glove stock has always been the talk of the town. Fine State and Tan Mocha dress gloves at \$1.00, also Perrins, Dent's, Ireland Bros., at regular prices.

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25 AND 27 GRANBY STREET,  
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Men's Hats.

The hats for spring wear are here. The styles are as interesting as the prices. The shades are new, and The shapes are the most becoming That have been shown for many seasons.

Some Very Sweet Blocks in  
Hazel, Steel, Tobacco Brown and Black.

Men's and Boys' Golf and Et'n Caps  
in Spring Styles.

WE SAVE YOU A HALF DOLLAR ON ANY HAT BOUGHT FROM US.

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The Banner Clothier  
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